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## INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting Held in Director's  
Conference Room, Administration Building  
Central Intelligence Agency, on 1 September 1953

Acting Director of Central Intelligence  
Lt. Gen. Charles P. Cabell  
Presiding

### MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. W. Park Armstrong, Special Assistant, Intelligence,  
Department of State  
Major General Richard C. Partridge, Assistant Chief of  
Staff, G-2, Department of the Army  
Rear Admiral Carl F. Espe, Director of Naval Intelligence,  
Department of the Navy  
Major General John A. Samford, Director of Intelligence,  
Headquarters, United States Air Force  
Dr. Charles H. Reichardt, acting for Director of Intelligence,  
Atomic Energy Commission  
Brigadier General Edward H. Porter, Deputy Director for  
Intelligence, The Joint Staff  
Mr. Victor Keay, acting for Assistant to the Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

### ALSO PRESENT

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Mr. William C. Trueheart, Department of State  
Mr. Howard M. Wiedemann, Department of State  
Mr. Joseph Chase, Department of State

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Lt. Colonel T. C. Anderson, Department of the Army  
Dr. Louis F. Woodruff, Department of the Army  
Captain Allan L. Reed, USN, Department of the Navy  
Colonel Donald H. Ainsworth, United States Air Force  
Colonel John J. Morrow, United States Air Force  
Colonel Robert Totten, United States Air Force  
Colonel George E. McCord, United States Air Force  
Lt. Colonel Arthur L. Cushing, United States Air Force  
Mr. Spurgeon M. Keeny, Jr., United States Air Force  
Captain E. T. Layton, USN, The Joint Staff  
Colonel Samuel M. Lansing, The Joint Staff

JAMES Q. REBER  
Acting Secretary

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Approval of Minutes

1. Action: The Minutes of 25 August 1953 (IAC-M-118) were approved.

Appendices to NIE-90

2. Action: Agreed to refer back to IAC representatives for review with the objective of IAC approval, it being recognized that in the preparation of this document some agencies had not understood that IAC approval was intended in view of the Minute of September 4, 1952 (IAC-M-81). Agreed further that policy with respect to the handling of NIE appendices would be reconsidered by the IAC in the near future.

3. Discussion: In the consideration of what action the IAC should take on the appendices to NIE-90 the following points were brought out:

a. These appendices are considered by the Office of National Estimates to provide the foundation not only for NIE-90 but also for a number of estimates on Soviet capabilities and intentions, particularly NIE-95, and that their approval by the IAC is therefore highly desirable. It was pointed out that the appendices to NIE-90 are much more fundamental to that estimate than in the case of the NIE-69 appendices and estimate, which were the occasion for the previous agreement last September (IAC-M-81).

b. Concern was expressed that the IAC should issue with its approval only those substantive products which have been subjected to the type of refinement accorded NIEs. It was also pointed out that in making periodic estimates required of the JIC there would be constant difficulties arising from those who would point to the IAC approved appendix with respect to factual material which subsequent evidence has altered. It was the view of some that the personal attention required of the chiefs of intelligence to enable them to concur in the document was too extensive to be practicable.

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c. The agreement reached in September 4, 1952 Minute to the effect that such reports would be noted, rather than approved, by the IAC arose out of a circumstance in which the NSC Policy Planning staff needed such background material for their work. The question was raised whether, indeed, such need still existed, and if so, whether it could not be met by the intelligence officers in each agency rather than disseminating IAC approved appendices directly to officials outside of the intelligence community.

4. Alternatives considered were:

a. To issue the appendices with the approval of the IAC, recognizing that this would require the same kind of IAC consideration as estimates.

b. To issue the appendices as working papers only to the intelligence community, it being understood that the intelligence chiefs have the responsibility for making such documents available as necessary to their policy or planning officials.

Proposed Rescission of  
DCIDs 3/1 and 3/2 and  
Issuance of DCID 3/5,  
"Production of National  
Intelligence Estimates"  
(IAC-D-61/1)

5. Action: Approved, subject to the deletion of the following language at the end of paragraph 6:

"i.e., what IAC members participated in the preparation and what members concur therein or dissent therefrom".

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